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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN MFN ASSURANCES

REF: (A) STATE 18355 (B) BUDAPEST 328

1. AMEMBASSADOR MET WITH DEPFONMIN NAGY JAN 25 TO DISCUSS HUNGARIAN EMIGRATION ASSURANCES LANGUAGE. HE EXPLAINED PER REFTTEL (A) AND STATE 15152 THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS DIFFICULTY WITH THE HUNGARIAN DESIRE TO REFER TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. HE SUGGESTED, THEREFORE, THAT WE RETURN TO THE U.S. LANGUAGE WHICH INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (UDHR).

2. NAGY EXPLAINED THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE GOH TO ACCEPT A REFERENCE TO THE UDHR. HUNGARY WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE UN WHEN THE DECLARATION WAS ADOPTED; FURTHERMORE, THOSE SOCIALISTS COUNTRIES WHO WERE MEMBERS ABSTAINED IN THE VOTING. FOR THIS REASON, THE GOH HAD PROPOSED TO SUBSTITUTE THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT, WHICH INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE THE UDHR.

3. THE AMBASSADOR THEN PROPOSED THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 4 OF STATE 15152. NAGY IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED
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"RESOLVE" AND "PROMPTLY" AS TWO PROBLEM WORDS. AFTER A DISUCSSION IN WHICH NAGY ACCEPTED "CONSTRUC- TIVELY" AND "GOOD WILL," HE AND THE AMBASSADOR AGREED TO CHANGE "RESOLVE" TO "DEAL WITH." THEY FURTHSR AGREED TO LEAVE "PROMPTLY" IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION. NAGY TRANSLATED "PROMPTLY," AFTER CONSULTING A DICTIONARY, AS "KESEDELEM NELKUL"

(LITERALLY, "WITHOUT DELAY"). THUS, THE END RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION WAS THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED IN PARA 4 OF BUDAPEST 328.

4. NAGY AGREED TO SUBMIT THIS LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIORS FOR APPROVAL. HE INDICATED THAT IT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HE MUST CONSULT WITH HIS SUPERIORS (EVEN ABOVE MINISTER PUJA) BEFORE HE COULD REPLY OFFICIALLY.

5. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING QUICKLY AND ASKED WHEN WE CAN EXPECT THE HUNGARIAN DRAFT OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. NAGY REPLIED THAT THE GOH WOULD GIVE US A DRAFT AS SOON AS THE ASSURANCES LANGUAGE IS AGREED. HE ASKED WHEN WE WOULD WANT TO SIGN AND PUBLISH THE LETTERS, AND IF NEGOTIATION OF A TRADE AGREEMENT HAD TO AWAIT THIS STEP. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A FIRM TIME-TABLE ON SIGNATURE AND PUBLICATION, EXCEPT THAT THE LETTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE SUBMISSION OF A TRADE AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS. THEREFORE, INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE TO AWAIT SIGNATURE OF THE LETTERS.

6. THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BY APR 1. NAGY ASKED

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WHO WOULD HEAD THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE WOULD IF THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD IN BUDAPEST. NAGY REMINDED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE SECRETARY HAD PROMISED TO HOLD THE NEGOTIATIONS IN BUDAPEST, WHICH THE GOH STRONGLY DESIRES. NAGY CONCLUDED BY STATION THAT THE GOH WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE A DRAFT TRADE AGREEMENT EVEN BEFORE THE ASSURANCES WERE COMPLETELY AGREED.

7. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF NAGY'S REACTION TO THE LAST VERSION OF THE ASSURANCES LANGUAGE, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE GOH WILL APPROVE IT. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION TO GIVE THE GOH A COPY OF THE DRAFT TRADE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -- EVEN BEFORE WE HAVE AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE. WE WOULD LIKE AT THE SAME TIME TO PROPOSE A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REINFORCED BY THE INFORMATION IN GENEVA 987 CONCERNING THE TIME THE GOH WILL NEED TO PREPARE ITSELF FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

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